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From

The First Hon'ble Resident—

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwarding for information copies of letters from the Govts of India & Bengal on the subject of the supply of information to hostile foreigners regarding their property

NOTES AND ORDERS.

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MYSORE RESIDENT'S OFFICE. DIARY NO. 12294

Bangalore, 16th January 19 20.

No. 361

A copy of the marginally* noted letter, with enclosure, is forwarded with compts. to the Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore for information.

*No. 1031-D dated the 29th December 1919, from the Government of India, Department of Commerce and Industry, No. 4815 dated 5th December 1919, from the Government of Bengal, to the Government of India and enclosure.

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First Assistant Resident.

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Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Commerce and Industry, to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Commerce Department.

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I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 4818-Com. dated the 5th December 1919, forwarding a letter from the Custodian of Enemy Property, Bengal, in which he makes the following suggestions on the subject of the supply of information to hostile foreigners regarding their ~~xxxxxx~~ property:-

(a) That in the case of private vested funds the applicants may be furnished with a summarised form of Cash account which would exhibit the gross realizations, total expenditure, and balance in hand.

(b) That in the case of liquidated firms their accredited representatives may be given copies of the Cash accounts up to date of the close of the liquidation.

(c) That if the firms desire balance sheets since the accounts were last balanced, it should be left to them to have these prepared in their own countries, and that in order to enable them to do so their books and records should be handed over to their accredited representatives, or sent to their offices in their own countries.

2. In reply I am to say that the Government of India are willing to give full discretion to local Governments to decide the precise form in which such information should be supplied, but they consider that the books and records of liquidated firms should for the present be retained by the Custodian.

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Letter No. 4818-Com, dated the 5th December 1919, from the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Commerce Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Departments of Commerce and Industry.

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With reference to Mr. Corbett's letter No. 8998, dated the 29th October 1919, on the subject of the supply of information to hostile foreigners regarding their property, I am directed to submit for the information and orders of the Government of India, the

accompanying copy of a letter No. 811, dated the 22nd November 1919, received from the Custodian of Enemy property, Bengal, on the subject. I am to enquire whether in the circumstances reported by the Custodian, the Government of India concur in the action proposed in his letter.

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Letter No. 811, dated the 22nd November 1919, from W. Stather Hale, Esqr, A.C.A., Custodian of Enemy Property, Bengal, Room No. 62, Imperial Secretariat Buildings, Calcutta, to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Commerce Department.

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I have the honour to refer to Government endorsement No. 4375-Com, dated the 6th instant, and the orders of the Government of India therewith, received on the subject of the supply of information to hostile foreigners regarding their property.

2. The Government of India consider it desirable that hostile foreigners or the representatives of hostile firms, whose businesses have been liquidated or whose property has been vested should be supplied with sufficient information to enable them to make their claims for compensation against their own Governments, and it is stated that Custodians should, if possible, supply applicants with a statement in the form of a balance sheet showing their financial position.

3. In the first place I would point out that all private property of hostile foreigners vested in me has been realised and the proceeds are held in the Bank of Bengal. In these cases the accounts are thus all cash and no balance sheet can be prepared. In the case of hostile firms which have been completely liquidated the accounts have not been balanced for any year since the last balance sheets that were prepared prior to the outbreak of war, and it would certainly entail a heavy expenditure of time and money to have such balances made now.

4. As the object in view is simply to afford such information as will help repatriated hostile foreigners to present their claims for compensation against their own Governments it seems to me that in the case of private vested funds it should be quite sufficient if applicants were furnished with a summarised form of cash account which would exhibit the gross realizations, total expenditure and balance in hand.

5. As regards liquidated firms, cash accounts have been maintained from the time these companies first came under Government control, and as compared with the balancing of the books now it would be far simpler, cheaper and more expeditious if accredited representatives of the firms were given copies of the cash accounts up to date of the close of the liquidation. If they desire balance sheets since the accounts were last balanced, I think it should be left to them to have these prepared in their own countries, and for this purpose it would of course be necessary for them to have access to the firms' books and records. The latter are now stored in tin-lined boxes, and presuming that their permanent retention is not contemplated, I suggest that these boxes should either be handed over to the companies accredited representatives or be sent to their offices in their own countries.

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RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

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GOVERNMENT OF H. H. THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE,

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

No. 16758

Dated Bangalore, 22/4/ 1920.

A copy of the marginally noted correspondence

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is forwarded with compliments to the Custodian of Enemy Properties, Mysore for information.

By Order,

19/1/20

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For Chief Secretary to Govt.